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Sir:

This AMENDMENT is in response to the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE dated 03/13/2006, and is being submitted prior to payment of the issue fee.

Enclosed with, and as part of, this AMENDMENT are

DRAWING AMENDMENTS, SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS, and REMARKS, all starting on separate pages; and three sheets of replacement drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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This AMENDMENT is intended in the main to implement changes approved, required and/or urged by the examiner in the EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT enclosed with the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE dated 03/13/2006 (hereafter "NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE"). The EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT references a telephone interview between the examiner and the undersigned on December 20, 2005. The EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT correctly lists the matters discussed by the parties, but these matters are thought to have been the cumulative subject of two interviews between the parties, on December 20, 2005 and December 21, 2005.

1. Amendment of the Drawing

As required by the examiner at page 4 of the EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT included with the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, the cross-hatching for the cuffs is changed to plastic in Figures 4, 5 and 8; and the cross-hatching of the welds is changed to plastic in Figure 8

Also, as alluded to above, in Figure 8, reference numerals 65 and 68 are added for the spigot groove 45 and the bell groove 48, respectively; and a free-standing lead line is added for reference numeral 43.

2. Amendment of the Summary of the Invention

The Summary of the Invention is revised to more precisely reflect the language of the allowed claims, claims 1-4, as urged in the EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT enclosed with the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE.

First, in the preceding section titled SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS, two paragraphs are deleted from the Summary of the Invention. These two deleted paragraphs summarized claims of the as-filed application.